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Application No.: 10/059,156

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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR HEAD POSITIONING CONTROL IN DISK DRIVE

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO-1449. Unless otherwise indicated herein, one copy of each reference is attached. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner return an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 to Applicants with the next Office communication to indicate that the references have been considered, per MPEP § 609.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed (a) within three months of the U.S. filing date of this non-CPA application, OR (b) before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits in the present application. No certification or fee is required.

U.S. Patent Nos. 6,175,472, 4,622,603 and 5,825, 578 were cited in a counterpart foreign application in the attached Austrian Communication (Search and Examination Reports) issued February 20, 2004, i.e., not more than three months ago. An English language version of the foreign communication is attached for the Examiner's information.

In addition, the attached application identified in the attached Appendix is directed to related technical subject matter. The attached application corresponds to Japanese Patent Application No. 11-39814, a copy of which was supplied to the Patent Office in the IDS dated January 31, 2002. The identification of that U.S. Patent Application is not to be construed as a waiver of secrecy as to that application now or upon issuance of the present application as a patent. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the cited application and the art cited therein during examination.

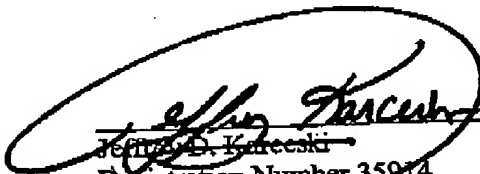
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English-language Abstracts of the non-English language reference are attached hereto.

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U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document Country Code ² Number ³ Kind Code ⁴ (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	1 ⁶
	1	JP 63-263674	10/31/1988	SATO	Abstract	
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